

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were previously pending in this Application. Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Gramespacher (DE 39 13 139 C2). Claims 6-10 have been found to be allowable if properly rewritten.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 3 and 6 and claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. That puts claim 1 in condition for allowance, in accordance with the Examiner's statement.

Claim 2 depends from now allowable claim 1, so it has been retained in its original form.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1, and claim 5 depends from claim 4.

Claim 7 depends from claim 4 and claim 8 depends from claim 5, both now allowable.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend from now allowable claim 1, so these claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have addressed every issue in the Action and have rewritten the claims previously deemed to be allowable into independent form. Thus, this application is in condition for final allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, Examiner Gates is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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